

# **Baltimore City Green Schools Network Sustainable Food Systems Action Team Background Information**

## **About the Green Schools Network**

The Baltimore City Green Schools Network is made up of seven action teams including Green Teaching, Learning to Work Green, Health and Nutrition, Student Leadership, Engaging Families and Communities, Sustainable Facilities, and Schoolyard Greening. Its goal is to build a more sustainable and healthy city school system. The Green Schools Network is led by Michael Sarbannes, Director of the Office of Community Engagement, and the Sustainable School Food Action Team is led is Jamie Nash, Baltimore Food Policy Initiative Food Access Coordinator.

## **Sustainable Food Systems Action Team Goal**

To improve collaboration between community organizations and educators throughout the City of Baltimore in order to increase access to healthier foods in Baltimore City Schools.

## **Action Team Priorities**

1. Support the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Program in schools
2. Support and expand salad bars in school cafeterias
3. Support coordinated nutrition and cooking education in schools

## **Action Team Members**

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